

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ORDER AMENDING RULES 15(a)(iii) §
and 16(c) OF THE RULES OF THE §
SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE §
and SUPREME COURT INTERNAL §
OPERATING PROCEDURE V(1)(a)(i) §

Before **STRINE**, Chief Justice, **HOLLAND**, **BERGER**, **JACOBS**, and **RIDGELY**, Justices, constituting the Court *en Banc*.

ORDER

This 23rd day of June, 2014, it appears to the Court that it is desirable to amend Supreme Court Rules 15(a)(iii) and 16(c) and Supreme Court Internal Operating Procedure V(1)(a)(i), effective July 1, 2014.

(1) Supreme Court Rule 15(a)(iii) shall be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the existing subsection:

The Court encourages all appellants and cross-appellants to file reply briefs as the Court finds such briefs to be helpful.

(2) Supreme Court Rule 16(c) shall be amended by striking the existing Rule 16(c) in its entirety and substituting the following Rule 16(c) in lieu thereof:

(c) *Scheduling*. Upon filing of the reply brief on appeal or cross-appeal or upon the expiration of the due date for the filing of the reply brief, the case shall be deemed at issue and ready for argument at the call of the Court.

(3) Supreme Court Internal Operating Procedure V(1)(a)(i) shall be amended by striking the existing provision and substituting the following provision in lieu

thereof:

(i) Clerk. After the reply brief in an appeal or cross-appeal has been filed or upon the expiration of the due date for the filing of the reply brief, the Clerk preliminarily decides in which cases oral argument would be helpful. The Clerk, in consultation with the Chief Staff Attorney, then prepares a draft oral argument list and schedule of decisions to be made on the briefs.

(4) The Clerk of this Court is directed to transmit forthwith a certified copy of this Order to the clerk of each trial court in each county.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Leo E. Strine, Jr.
Chief Justice